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LECTURE SERIES AT GW'S DIMOCK GALLERY
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBITION:

"VICTORIAN SENTIMENT AND AMERICAN HISTORY PAINTING: HENRY BACON'S *THE BOSTON BOYS AND GENERAL GAGE, 1775*"

WHAT: Series of three lectures in conjunction with exhibition on the work of Henry Bacon entitled "Victorian Sentiment and American History Painting: Henry Bacon's The Boston Boys and General Gage, 1775." The lectures explore issues of conservation, the 19th-century Colonial Revival and philanthropist William W. Corcoran.

Lecture #1 by Alexandra Tice, Painting Conservator
Henry Bacon's Masterpiece Revealed -- The Conservation of "The Boston Boys and General Gage, 1775."
Thursday, January 25, 1996, 7:00 p.m.

Lecture #2 by Thomas Andrew Denenberg, doctoral candidate in American and New England Studies, Boston University
Reappraising the Colonial Revival: History in the Service of Reform
Thursday, February 1, 1996, 7:00 p.m.

Lecture #3 by Alan Wallach, Ralph H. Wark Professor of Art and Art History, The College of William and Mary
Art Collecting and Ambition: William Wilson Corcoran's Gallery
Saturday, February 10, 1996, 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: **The Dimock Gallery**
(Lower lobby of Lisner Auditorium)
21st and H Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GW Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: **Free and open to the public, RSVPs requested by phone (202) 994-1525 or fax (202) 994-1632. The exhibition runs through February 22.**

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GW'S ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SELECTED AS APEC STUDY CENTER

WASHINGTON -- The George Washington University has announced that the Elliott School of International Affairs has been selected as the ninth Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Study Center in the United States. The United States Consortium of APEC Study Centers made the unanimous selection at a meeting in Washington in December.

Dean Harry Harding and Associate Dean Michael Moore will direct the new APEC Study Center at the Elliott School. Over the next several months, the Center will develop policy-oriented projects and exchanges related to the Asia-Pacific region. The Center also will work to strengthen Internet ties with scholars and public policy researchers throughout the region.

The APEC Study Center concept grew out of a 1993 Seattle Summit-initiative by President Clinton who expressed a desire to see educational institutions in the Asia-Pacific region to collaborate in policy related research and to participate in a freer exchange of ideas, technologies, students and faculty members. In response, APEC Study Centers have been established in each of the 18 Asia-Pacific member economies and cooperation among them is increasing rapidly.

The consortium based its selection of GW on the Elliott School's exceptionally strong faculty in international trade and investment policy, political economy and international business. As the home of the Gaston Sigur Center for East Asian Studies, the University boasts six China specialists and several others who focus on Northeast and Southeast Asia. Additionally, GW supports three current projects within the Elliott School which are directly related to the APEC agenda: the Asia-Pacific Trade Policy Project, directed by former Director of the Trade Policy Research Centre in London Hugh Corbet; the United States-Japan Economic Agenda Project, directed by Professor Henry Nau; and a project on intellectual property rights in China sponsored by the GW Law School and directed by Professor Harold Wegner.

The Elliott School of International Affairs is The George Washington University's professional school of international affairs. Its mission is to create an unexcelled resource center in the nation's capital to train students in international relations and to provide scholarly analysis and professional policy recommendations on international issues.

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GW AND NATIONAL CENTER FOR NONPROFIT LAW TO PRESENT 1996 NONPROFIT LEGAL SEMINAR SERIES BEGINNING JAN. 18

WHAT: The National Center for Nonprofit Law Winter 1996 Nonprofit Legal Seminar Series presented in cooperation with the Washington Council of Agencies and The George Washington University Law School's Small Business Clinic.

The seminar series runs from January 18 through March 26, 1996. First in the series is **"Intellectual Property Seminar for Nonprofits,"** by the law firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner.

WHEN: Thursday, January 18, 1996
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University Law School
Building H, Room 101
2000 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

COST: $75 per seminar per person; $65 for members of WCA, the Cultural Alliance, Independent Sector and multiple registrants; $50 for members of the National Center for Nonprofit Law.

Background:

The George Washington University Small Business Clinic/Community Economic Development Project provides free start-up legal assistance to selected area businesses and nonprofit organizations. The purposes of the GWUSBC are to provide training to George Washington University law students as part of the school's clinical legal education program and to provide legal assistance to small businesses and nonprofit organizations that cannot afford to pay a lawyer. Most of the clinic's clients are microbusinesses with less than $5,000 in start-up capital and a staff of five or fewer persons.

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The National Center for Nonprofit Law is a 501(c)(3) membership organization designed to help nonprofit organizations of all kinds to understand and satisfy their legal requirements and opportunities and avoid legal problems. The Center offers educational seminars and operates the National Clearinghouse of Nonprofit Legal Documents.

The Washington Council of Agencies serves the nonprofit community by providing information, networking, advocacy and "group buying" services to organizations to run more efficiently and effectively. WCA members form a powerful group of nonprofit providers -- social service agencies, association, advocates, religious, cultural, scientific and other organizations on a local, national or international level.

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GW HONORS OUTSTANDING CIVIL/HUMAN RIGHTS PROFESSIONALS AT ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONVOCATION JANUARY 23

Solicitor General of the U.S. Drew S. Days III, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Eric H. Holder Jr., ABC's "Prime Time Live" Correspondent Renee Poussaint and GW student Rodney Jay Crisostomo Salinas to receive medals

EVENT: The George Washington University's Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation to recognize 1996 Medalists for Outstanding Professional Service in Civil and Human Rights, sponsored by GW's Multicultural Student Services Center.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg will confer the medals; each recipient will offer brief remarks.

The convocation will feature performances by the GW Gospel Choir and James Cheek, jazz saxophonist and GW senior.

Reception to follow the convocation.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 23, 1996
4:30 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre
800 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GW Metro - Orange and Blue lines)

COST: Free and open to the public

BACKGROUND:

Each year, The George Washington University honors the life and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by awarding medals to individuals who exemplify the human values reflected in Dr. King's work - commitment to multiculturalism, peace, nonviolence, personal integrity, community and ethical or religious reflection.

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This year's award recipients are:

Solicitor General of the United States Drew S. Days III. Former professor of law at Yale University School of Law, Days was director of Yale's Orville H. Schell Jr. Center for Human Rights from 1988 to 1993. Days, a 1966 Yale law graduate, served in the Peace Corps as a volunteer in Honduras and on the staff of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York. Days also served in the Carter administration as assistant attorney general for civil rights.

United States Attorney for the District of Columbia Eric H. Holder Jr. While a student at Columbia Law School, Holder clerked at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. Upon graduation in 1976, Holder joined the Department of Justice as part of the Attorney General's Honors Program, where he served in the Public Integrity Section. Holder served as associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 1988 to 1993. He is also actively involved in Concerned Black Men, an organization dedicated to helping young people of the District with problems ranging from teenage pregnancy to poor academic performance.

ABC's "Prime Time Live" Correspondent Renee Poussaint. Before covering stories all over the world as one of Washington's most respected reporters, Poussaint co-anchored for WJLA-TV News, where she won numerous honors, including an Emmy award for her story on the abuse of Haitian migrant workers on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Named "Woman of the Year" by the National Capital Area Chapter of the YMCA for her community service, Poussaint received her master's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and studied at Yale University School of Law and the Sorbonne in Paris.

GW junior Rodney Jay Crisostomo Salinas. Salinas has been actively involved in nearly every aspect of University campus life. Salinas, a 1993 and 1994 scholarship winner and a 1995 student leadership recipient, has served as chair of the Multicultural Affairs Committee, program director of the Philippine Cultural Society, co-coordinator of Welcome Week and vice chair of the Program and Executive Boards. He is also a member of the Advisory and Grants Committees of the Diversity Program Clearinghouse, the Black People's Union and Colonial Ambassadors.

MEDIA WISHING TO ATTEND THE MLK CONVOCATION MAY CONTACT AUDRA GARLING IN THE GW PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, (202) 994-6467.

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1996 NONPROFIT LEGAL SEMINAR SERIES TO BE HELD AT GW LAW SCHOOL

Series featuring topics such as liability and insurance issues, sexual harassment and corporate tax to begin Jan. 18

WHAT: The National Center for Nonprofit Law Winter 1996 Nonprofit Legal Seminar Series presented in cooperation with the Washington Council of Agencies and The George Washington University Law School's Small Business Clinic.

The seminar series runs from January 18 through March 26, 1996. **All seminars will be held at GW except the Financial and Accounting Seminar, Friday, January 26, which will be held at Ernst & Young, 1225 Connecticut Avenue, NW.**

WHEN: January 18 through March 26, 1996
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University Law School
Moot Court Room
20th and H Streets, NW
Washington, D.C.

COST: $75 per seminar per person; $65 for members of WCA, the Cultural Alliance, Independent Sector and multiple registrants; $50 for members of the National Center for Nonprofit Law.

SCHEDULE: Nonprofit Financial and Accounting Issues Seminar
Friday, January 26, 1996

Nonprofit Personnel Issues Seminar Series
Hiring, Counseling, Disciplining and Firing
Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Nonprofit Tax and Corporate Issues Seminar Series
General Principles and Board Issues
Tuesday, February 13, 1996

General Principles and Membership Issues
Thursday, February 15, 1996

Nonprofit Financial Issues Seminar Series
Wage & Hour Issues Affecting Employees
Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Specialized Seminar on Revenue Generation Issues
Thursday, March 14, 1996

Fundraising and the Law
Tuesday, March 19, 1996

Nonprofit Liability and Insurance Issues
Thursday, March 21, 1996

Contracting for Services
Tuesday, March 26, 1996

Background:

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GW GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT'S EVENING PUBLIC COLLOQUIA SERIES TO FEATURE HAROLD L. HODGKINSON FEB. 8

EVENT: Evening public colloquia series presented by The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development. **"Diversity of Learners in Higher Education, Public Schools, Public Institutions and the Work Place"** will feature **Dr. Harold L. Hodgkinson,** director, Center for Demographic Policy, Institute for Educational Leadership.

WHEN: Thursday, February 8, 1996
6:00 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Marvin Center University Club
800 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro -- Orange and Blue lines)

COST: Speech is free and open to public.
(Reception and dinner - $28.00)

For registration information, contact Dr. John R. Rosser, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, 202/994-1449.

Background:

Dr. Harold L. Hodgkinson is currently conducting research on demographics and education for the Center for Demographic Policy. He also serves as senior advisor for the American Council on Education; a trustee of Hartwick College and member of the Board of Overseers, Regents College (New York). Hodgkinson held a federal fellowship to study collaborations between business, higher education and public schools.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, he holds a master's degree from Wesleyan College and a doctorate from Harvard University. Hodgkinson is widely known as a lecturer and analyst of education issues at all levels. He is the author of 12 books, three of which have won national awards, over 200 articles and he has edited several journals.

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"WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE" SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES AS PART OF GW'S 175TH CELEBRATION

Undersecretary of the Smithsonian Institution to Speak February 2

WHAT: "Women in the Workplace," a lecture series celebrating The George Washington University's 175th Anniversary. **Constance Newman, undersecretary of the Smithsonian Institution** and former director of the Office of Personnel Management to speak on "Succeeding in Public Service."

WHERE: The George Washington University
School of Business and Public Management
Crain Center, Hall of Government, Room B04
710 21st St., NW
Washington, D.C.

WHEN: Friday, February 2, 1996
Forum: 4:30 p.m.
Reception: 5:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

Constance Berry Newman began her public service career in 1961 and has received four presidential appointments, three of which were confirmed by the Senate.

In the past 20 years, Newman has managed public and private organizations. Her positions included assistant secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, director of VISTA, and president of the Newman & Hermanson Company. She was also commissioner and vice-chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

From June, 1989 to June, 1992, she served as director of the Office of Personnel Management. In July, 1992 she became undersecretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Newman was a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow from 1977 to 1985 and a member of the adjunct faculty at the Kennedy School, Harvard University from 1979 to 1982. In addition to receiving an A.B. from Bates

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College, she received a Bachelor of Science in Law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. In 1985, she received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service.

GW's School of Business and Public Management is dedicated to academic excellence in the study, teaching and research of management and policy in the public and private sectors -- both within the United States and internationally. The school comprises eight departments -- accountancy, finance, health services, management and policy, international business, management science, marketing, public administration, and strategic management and public policy. The school is also home to the International Institute of Tourism Studies.

Now celebrating its 175th anniversary, The George Washington University was created by an Act of Congress in 1821. Today, GW is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. The University, which is located four blocks from the White House, offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study as well as degree programs in medicine, law, engineering, education, business/public management and international affairs. Each year GW enrolls a diverse population of 19,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and 120 countries.

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Pulitzer-Prize Winning Author Alice Walker Discusses Her New Memoir with Biographer Evelyn White at GW's Lisner Auditorium Thursday, Jan. 25

WHAT: Author **Alice Walker** discusses her new book, "The Same River Twice," sponsored by the Smithsonian Associates. Book signing to follow the program.

WHEN: Thursday, January 25, 1996
8 p.m.

WHERE: Lisner Auditorium
The George Washington University
21st and H Streets, NW
(Foggy Bottom/GW Metro, Blue and Orange Lines)

COST: For tickets, call Smithsonian Associates at (202) 357-3030 or stop by the Smithsonian Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive, SW. General admission $15; full-time students with IDs $8.

BACKGROUND:

When her novel, "The Color Purple," was brought to the screen by Steven Spielberg, Alice Walker was not prepared for the extraordinary controversy the film would provoke. In her brilliant new memoir, "The Same River Twice," Walker writes frankly of her struggles with the African-American community's negative reaction to the portrayal of black men in the movie. Also, she tells of her own serious illness, her mother's failing health and the betrayal of a partner of 13 years, all of which profoundly challenged her both mentally and physically.

Born in Eatonton, Georgia, Walker is a poet, essayist, short-story writer and novelist whose work has been published around the world to great acclaim. "The Color Purple," which was published in 1982, brought Walker into the spotlight. The novel was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award and has sold nearly 5 million copies in the United States alone. Since 1982, Walker has written two bestselling novels, "The Temple of My Familiar" and "Possessing the Secret of Joy." In addition, she has published two collections of essays, two collections of short stories and five volumes of poetry.

Evelyn White is a nationally recognized lecturer on feminist issues. She is currently a Visiting Scholar at Mills College in Oakland, California, and the author of numerous articles and books on urban affairs and African American and women's studies. She is co-author of "The African Americans."

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AMSTERDAM AND WASHINGTON DANCERS TO PERFORM AN EVENING OF DANCE IMPROVISATION AT GW

"unpredictable...unpretentious...unflappable"

WHAT: Experimental Dance Performance, sponsored by GW's Theatre and Dance Department

WHEN: Saturday, February 3, 1996
8 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Studio J Dance Theatre
2131 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GW Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: A $2 donation is requested

BACKGROUND:

Dance Artists

Katie Duck is recognized in Europe for her unusual choreography and experimentation in dance improvisation. She has been an educator, researcher and performer since 1977, in England, Italy and the Netherlands. Duck is on the faculty at the prestigious School for New Dance Development in Amsterdam and produces her own performance and composition projects throughout Europe. Text and political subject matter are signatures of her improvisational work.

Vincent Cacialano, a sophisticated and intricate dancer with great physical prowess, is a choreographer, educator and researcher. Cacialano, who received his MFA in dance at GW, teaches the advanced movement classes at the School for New Dance Development in Amsterdam. His works are seen with Laboratory, an experimental movement and political dance company that tours throughout Europe. Duck and Cacialano performed LAW in Washington, D.C. in 1994.

Maida Withers, choreographer, videographer and teacher, is well known to the Washington, D.C.

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community as a strong and powerful dancer, an experimenter in structure and form in motion involving collaborators in visual and performing arts. Previous site-specific performances include Theodore Roosevelt Island, Holy Rood Cemetery, National Plaza and the Corcoran as well as many works in other cities. Withers engages improvisation in the creation of her work and during her complex multi-media concert performance works. Withers has toured throughout Southeast Asia for the past three years performing solo choreography and dance improvisation performances with improvising jazz and indigenous musicians in the host countries.

Joseph Mills moved to Washington, D.C. in the summer of 1995 to become a member of the dance faculty at GW. Mills joined MOMIX Dance Theatre in 1987 and tours internationally with this unusual nontraditional modern dance company. From 1989-1991, Mills toured and performed his own choreography throughout Italy. Mills danced with The Erick Hawkins Dance Company for five years, touring throughout the U.S., Japan and China. Mills is a Ph.D. candidate in dance at Temple University in Philadelphia, where he is writing a dissertation tentatively titled The Fungus Among Us: Pilobolus Dance Theatre From Multiple Perspectives.

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GW PROFESSOR ROBERT PARRIS' "PARABOLAE SALOMONIS" PREMIERES FEBRUARY 12 IN HONOR OF GW'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

WHAT: Faculty Chamber Concert, featuring the world premiere of GW Professor Robert Parris' "Parabolae Salomonis," commissioned in honor of The George Washington University's 175th Anniversary. Sponsored by GW's Department of Music.

WHEN: Monday, February 12, 1996
7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Western Presbyterian Church
2401 Virginia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GW Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: For tickets, call (202) 994-6245. General $5; faculty, staff and alumni, $3; students $1.

BACKGROUND:

In honor of the University's founding, the 175th Anniversary Committee and The Columbian School of Arts and Sciences have commissioned a composition by GW music professor Robert Parris: "Parabolae Salomonis." Based on texts from the "Book of Proverbs," this piece will be performed by members of GW's music faculty. It is scored for tenor, flute, oboe, English horn, bassoon, viola, cello, electric guitar and percussion. Robert Baker, GW associate professor of music, will perform the tenor solo.

Claimed "one of [Washington's] major music assets" by *The Washington Post* music critic Joseph McLellan, Parris has composed "Symphonic Variations" for the National Symphony Orchestra, under Mstislav Rostropovich. Previously, Rostropovich and the NSO had performed Parris' "Concerto for Five Kettle Drums" and "Concerto for Trombone."

The concert will also include a performance of 16th century composer Orlande de Lassus' "Lamentations for Holy Saturday" by a small chamber chorus directed by Catherine Pickar, GW associate professor of music and director of choral activities.

For further information, please contact GW's Department of Music at (202) 994-6245.

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GW TO CELEBRATE GREEN UNIVERSITY DAY

January 30 Event to Discuss Current Aspects and Future of the GW Green University Initiative

EVENT: **"GW Green University Day"** is sponsored by the GW Green University Initiative and Institute for the Environment.

WHEN: **1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Green University Task Force Meeting** will offer an overview of projects and programs of the GW Green University Initiative.

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eco Expo will host campus environmental groups and other groups involved with the GW Green University Initiative. Membership information and internship and job opportunities will be available.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. GW Town Hall Meeting, "Trash Talk: The Naked Truth About Recycling at GW." Representatives from GW administration, GW Students for Environmental Action and outside recycling experts will answer audience questions and discuss the current GW recycling program.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Marvin Center Continental Ballroom
800 21st St., NW
Washington, D.C.

COST: Free and open to the public

BACKGROUND:

The George Washington University Green University Initiative began as a grassroots movement to implement sustainable practices into all aspects of life at GW. In December, 1994, GW and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency formed a unique public-private partnership through which many of the objectives of the initiative are being advanced.

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The George Washington University Institute for the Environment was created to carry out the GW Green University Initiative. Its mission is to commit the resources and expertise of the University to create a sustainable future. They are working to infuse a strong, positive environmental ethic into all activities, including education, research and service, while developing sustainable facilities on campus.

For more information on the GW Green University Initiative, please call (202) 994-3366 or visit the homepage at http://www.gwu.edu/~greenu/. To subscribe to the listserv that provides weekly updates on related activites, send an e-mail message of "subscribe GREENGRP [your name]" to listserv@gwuvm.gwu.edu.

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GW TO HONOR LARRY KING, MARTINA NAVRATILOVA AND EVERETT BELLOWS AT 175TH ANNIVERSARY CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION FEB. 9

WASHINGTON -- On February 9, 1821 President James Monroe signed the Congressional Charter establishing a small college on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. Today, The George Washington University is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital and a major international university. In honor of GW's founding, the University is sponsoring a variety of public events, symposia, exhibitions and performances throughout the academic year.

The following celebratory events are planned for **Charter Day, Friday, February 9:**

11:00 a.m.
A special convocation will be held at Lisner Auditorium. Chairman Emeritus of the GW Board of Trustees **Everett Bellows, talkmeister Larry King and tennis legend Martina Navratilova** will receive honorary degrees. A limited number of free tickets for the Convocation will be available after February 5.

A mayoral proclamation announcing **"The George Washington University Day"** in the District of Columbia and a concurrent Resolution from the U.S. Congress will be presented at the Convocation.

Representatives from over 200 colleges and universities across the U.S., including Harvard, Yale, Boston University and William and Mary College, will march in the Convocation processional.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The U.S. Postal Service will operate a Commemorative 175th Postal Stamp Cancellation Station in the Marvin Center Lobby.

1:30 & 3:00 p.m.
GW faculty and distinguished guests will offer 12 seminars on a wide range of timely topics from the **"50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's Integration of Major League Baseball"** to **"The Jewelry of George and Martha Washington"**.

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Student-led walking tours of **Historic Foggy Bottom** explore little-known facts about one of Washington's oldest neighborhoods. Tours depart from the GW Visitors Center.

4:00 p.m.
The **GW Wind Ensemble** will perform at a free concert in Lisner Auditorium.

8:00 p.m.
There will be a gala birthday party at Union Station for GW students, faculty, staff and friends. This event promises to be unlike any other GW event, with a 3-D laser light show, buffet dinner featuring international foods from the neighborhoods of D.C., GW birthday cake and dancing to the band, Odyssey.

Other highlights:

Throughout the week, **Charter Day** cans of Pepsi featuring the GW 175th Anniversary design will be sold in vending machines on campus.

The University has published a 175th anniversary coffee-table book, **"From Strength to Strength: A Pictorial History of The George Washington University 1821-1996,"** which combines text with archival and contemporary color and black and white photos to chronicle GW's vivid history.

For information on Charter Day events or remaining 175th activities, call the GW Office of University Special Events at 994-7129.

MEDIA INTERESTED IN COVERING CHARTER DAY CONVOCATION SHOULD CONTACT MIKE FREEDMAN OR KAREN SIBERT IN THE GW PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, 202/994-6460.

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AUTHOR JOHN UPDIKE TO READ FROM HIS LATEST NOVEL, "IN THE BEAUTY OF THE LILIES" FEBRUARY 15 AT GW

WHAT: Author John Updike will read from his new book, "In the Beauty of the Lilies," and sign copies in the GW Bookstore following the reading. Sponsored by the GW Bookstore and Department of English.

WHEN: Thursday, February 15, 1996
2 p.m. Reading in Ballroom
3:30 p.m. Book signing in GW Bookstore

WHERE: The George Washington University
Marvin Center Ballroom/GW Bookstore
800 21st Street, NW
Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GW Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: FREE

BACKGROUND:

John Updike, whose novels have won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the American Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award, introduces his 17th novel, "In the Beauty of The Lilies," whose title is taken from the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The novel spans the years 1910-1990 and traces God's relation to four generations of an American family. It begins in Paterson, New Jersey and ends in Lower Branch, Colorado.

Born John Hoyer Updike in 1932, in Shillington, Pennsylvania, Updike has written more than 40 books, including collections of short stories, poems and criticism. His book "Rabbit at Rest" was recently awarded the Howells Medal by the American Academy of Arts and Letters, for the most distinguished work of American fiction in the last five years.

Updike graduated from Harvard College in 1954, worked for a few years at "The New Yorker" and has lived in Massachusetts since 1957.

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GW HISTORY PROFESSOR JAMES O. HORTON NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BOARD

WASHINGTON--Dr. James O. Horton, professor of history and American Studies at The George Washington University and director of the Afro-American Communities Project of the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution, has been named chairman of the reestablished National Park System Advisory Board.

National Park Service Director Roger Kennedy made the announcement on December 7 at the first meeting of the National Park System Advisory Board. "Dr. Horton will bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the Board as chairman," said Kennedy. "I am confident that his leadership abilities will keep the Board focused on the major issues facing the National Park Service as we approach the 21st century."

Horton has served as historical advisor to several museums in the United States and abroad, including the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Colonial Williamsburg, the Tenement House Museum in New York City and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. From 1988-1989, Horton was a Fulbright Professor of American Studies at the University of Munich. In addition, he has received numerous awards including a scholarly studies grant by the Smithsonian Institution and the Oscar and Shoshana Trachtenberg Distinguished Teaching Award from GW.

"It is a distinct honor to be elected chair of such a distinguished board of scientists, humanities scholars, committed public servants and forward-looking entrepreneurs," Horton said. "As an educator, I am acutely aware of the need to broaden the public's awareness of natural science and American history and culture. The parks and historic sites of the National Park Service provide the nation with hundreds of classrooms to enhance our national educational system, offering hands-on learning opportunities to a widely diverse population of life-long learners."

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to counsel the director of the National Park Service on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System and programs administered by the NPS. The Board offers recommendations on the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks, as well as the national significance of proposed national historic trails.

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Members of the Advisory Board serve for terms up to four years at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior.

"The strength of our nation is linked to our ability to preserve our natural and cultural heritage," said Horton. "The National Park System Advisory Board plays a vital role in assisting the National Park Service in its stewardship of our national parks and historic sites, places that express and renew our national spirit and reaffirm our collective sense of humanity. I hope that the advisory board can contribute to the continued preservation of these places and affirm the public appreciation for their importance to our nation's future."

Horton is co-author of "Black Bostonians: Family Life and Community Struggle in the Antebellum North" and pilot series editor of "City of Magnificent Intentions, A History of the District of Columbia," which is now being used in the Washington, D.C., public schools. His most recent books are "Free People of Color: Inside the African American Community," published in 1993 by the Smithsonian Institution Press and "The History of the African American People," co-edited with Lois E. Horton and published by Smithmark Publishers in 1995. In addition to these works, Horton has published more than 50 articles and book chapters on various aspects of American social and political history and African American history. His next book, entitled "In Hope and Liberty: Free Black Culture and Community in the North, 1700-1865," co-authored with Lois E. Horton, is scheduled for publication by Oxford University Press in 1996.

A native of Newark, New Jersey, Horton received his bachelor's degree in history from SUNY Buffalo, his master's degree in American Studies from the University of Hawaii and his Ph.D. in history from Brandeis University. Horton presently resides in Reston, Virginia.

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